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SUBJECT: MIDEASTFOR PRESS COVERAGE

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1. OCT 3-4 SAW CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, NEW YORK TIMES,
AND WASHINGTON POST ALL RUN STORIES (BEING POUCHED MANAMA)
REPORTING GOB DECISION PERMIT MIDEASTFOR REMAIN IN
BAHRAIN. STORIES STRESSED SMALL SIZE BUT STRATEGIC
IMPORTANCE OF MIDEASTFOR IN LIGHT INCREASED SOVIET NAVAL
ACTIVITY IN GULF AND INDIAN OCEAN.

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2. SUBJECT HAS NOT YET BEEN RAISED WITH DEPT SPOKESMAN.

FOLLOWING IS CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE WE INTEND USE IN
EVENT SUBJECT IS RAISED.

3. QUESTION: IS IT TRUE THAT BAHRAIN HAS TOLD THE US THAT
IT HAS DECIDED NOT TO CANCEL THE AGREEMENT FOR STATIONING
AMERICAN SHIPS THERE? ANSWER: IT IS CLEAR THAT THE
CONDITIONS WHICH EXISTED LAST OCTOBER WHEN BAHRAIN MADE
THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IT WANTED THE FACILITIES CLOSED
WITHIN A YEAR HAVE CHANGED. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE BAHRAIN
GOVERNMENT IS REVIEWING THE SITUATION IN THE LIGHT OF
THOSE CHANGED CONDITIONS. BUT I HAVE NOTHING FOR YOU
TODAY ON THE OUTCOME OF THAT REVIEW OR DECISIONS WHICH
MIGHT BE REACHED BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

IF PRESSED:

QUESTION: WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR REACHING A DECISION
FOR THE AGREEMENT TO CONTINUE? ANSWER: WE DO NOT THINK
IN TERMS OF DEADLINES. THE BAHRAINI GOVERNMENT MADE ITS
ANNOUNCEMENT DURING THE OCTOBER WAR LAST YEAR - YOU
SHOULD ASK THEM FOR THE EXACT DATE. BUT AS I HAVE SAID,
CONDITIONS HAVE CHANGED SINCE THAT TIME, AND WE HOPE
THAT THIS ISSUE WILL BE RESOLVED THIS MONTH. (FYI:
MIDEASTFOR STATIONED AT BAHRAIN CONSISTS OF ONE FLAGSHIP,
LASALLE, A LANDING PLATFORM DOCK, WITH A CREW OF 420,
PLUS TWO DESTROYERS WHICH ARE DETACHED FROM AMERICAN
FLEETS ON SIX-MONTH ROTATING TOURS OF DUTY. ANOTHER
NINETY AMERICANS WORK IN SHORE FACILITIES, SO THE
PERMANENT AMERICAN MILITARY COMPLEMENT IN BAHRAIN TOTALS
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